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THE OBSERVATOR.

The High-Church-men are Papists. The Rehearser's *Calumnies on King* William, *in his* Cassandra. *In the second Part of his* New Association, *the* Rehearser *says, King* William *was a Papist. He compares King* William *with* Oliver Cromwell. *High-Church Reflections on Queen* Mary.

From Wednesday, April 9. to Saturday, April 12. 1707.

Country-m. MAster, this *Rehearser* is certainly a Papish.

Obs. Don't say so; he'll get you drubb'd; for none of the High-flyers will own themselves to be Papists; some of 'em are Papists, and don't know it, so very ignorant are they; others are so, and do know it, but they have a Dispensation to deny it. The *Laudean* and High-Church Factions ever agreed, but in Point of Ecclesiastical Preferments. And, prethee, what Difference is there now betwixt a Jesuit, and the *Rehearser*; they both deny the Queen's Right: But I think the Papists are better Subjects, than the high-flying tacking Clergy; the former did not make Interest against the Queen's Friends, at the Elections, and the latter did. Glorious Protestants!

Country-m. Master, they do every Thing that the Devil puts into their Heads to do: But I wonder how they escape Punishment? Who could have thought, that the *Rehearser* should go Scot-free, after he had given the Queen, and our noble Patriots, the Peers, the Lye, in peremptorily asserting, that the Church is in Danger during her Majesty's Administration?

Obs. I should not have come off at that Rate.

Country-m. Master, d'ye remember the Bargain we made the last Time we met?

Obs. Yes, *Roger*, and I will rehearse some of the *Rehearser*'s Sayings, and you may use him as you please.

In his *Cassandra*, pag. 52. speaking of King *William*, in Relation to the Affairs of *Scotland*, *The first* Rabble Presbyterian Convention, *was continu'd all his Reign, against all the Sollicitations could be made to give the Nation a free Election: And why were the Bishops turn'd out, and Episcopal Clergy* rabbl'd *and* dispossess'd, *before the Oaths were put to them, or known which of them would swear to the Government, or not?*

Country-m. Did not that Convention, which he calls a *Rabble*, settle the Succession of the Crown upon Queen *Ann*; and no other Parliament, but themselves, did it?

Obs. Yes, *Roger*, that's beyond Dispute.

Country-m. Then, does he not here affirm, that Queen *Ann* came to the Crown by Suffrage of the *Rabble*, and that she is the Queen of the *Rabble*?

Obs. Certainly so; and that is his Meaning.

Country-m. Then he's a Varment, and not fit to live in any of her Majesty's Dominions. But this *Irish* Priest is mightily concern'd for the Bishops, but always for such as were good for nothing, for Arch-Bishop *Laud*, and the Jesuits of High-Church; but he won't pay the least Deference to the present Bishops, who are a just Ornament to that Church in which they are shining Lights. Was he angry, that the Bishops were restor'd after the Restauration? Why should he complain, that Presbytery was restor'd in *Scotland* after the Revolution? Presbytery in *Scotland*, was no Innovation; it was their Church-Government ever since the Reformation, and Episcopacy was intruded upon 'em by Fraud and Force. By the Revolution, *England* was secur'd in its Church-Government, and *Scotland* recover'd her's. But Mr. *Rehearser* is very angry at all Instances of Justice contrary to the sovereign Will and Pleasure of the Court at St. *Germains*.

Obs. Untharitableness is no small Sin, and I don't care to be guilty of it; but there is no Room for Accusation, where the Meaning of Things are so plain and obvious to common Capacities. You and I, *Roger*, have ever said, That what the *Rehearser* has said against King *William* and his Queen, in this Reign, has been mean't as Reflections on Queen *Ann*. Of which, I will give you some Samples.

Part 2. *New Association*, fol. 4. he says, *The Dissenters pray, that the Queen may be a lasting Mercy to these Lands; that is, that she may turn Presbyterian, and bring their Covenant into* England *as fast as they can, to perfect what* another *began.*

Country-m. Oh brave Dr. *Lesley!* Who durst talk at this Rate, but thy self?

Obs. But hear what follows. *Therefore, if we will measure what is to come, by what is past, when we see a KING of* England *setting up the Dissenters on High, and exceeding in his Favours to 'em, we have just Cause to suspect either that there is* Popery *at the Bottom, or else, that he is a* Dissenter *himself, or but an* Occasional Communicant.

Country-m. That is as much as to say, That Queen *Ann* is as bad as King *William*, that is, Queen *Ann* will not be impos'd on by High-Church, and have the Ground cut from under her Feet, without taking Notice of it. But does it follow, that a *King* or *Queen* must be a Dissenter, because *He* or *She* does favour them? Must Kings and Queens, like non-juring Parsons, consider their Subjects only in their Religious Capacities? And must they be accounted *Occasional Communicants*, because they don't send the dissenting Preachers to the GALLOWS, and their Hearers to the GALLIES? as the *Rehearser* says they deserve, in his 2d Part *New Assoc.* pag. 6.

But

But 'tis an abominable Reflection on Kings and Queens, that favour Proteſtant Diſſenters, to ſay of 'em, that they are Papiſhes. Now, I would fain know whom the Queen is bound in Conſcience to favour? The Proteſtant Diſſenters, that pay her the greateſt Reſpect, that have ever voted at Elections for Gentlemen in her Intereſt; or for the Members of High-Church, who have oppos'd her in every Thing? In ſhort, for thoſe that own her to be Queen, as well *de Jure*, as *de Facto*; or for thoſe who reſerve their Allegiance for the Prince at *St. Germains* only?

Obſ. Roger, it is not one, nor ten Times, that the *Rehearſer* has caſt the *Odium* of being a Papiſt on King *William*; one Inſtance we find in *Dear Bargain*, pag. 16. in the Words following.

When the Judges deſir'd to know of King William, *how they ſhould deal with Catholick Prieſts, he told them, He was under an Obligation to the Catholick Princes, not to moleſt them in the Exerciſe of their Religion; and that he was not ſo apprehenſive of Diſturbance from them, becauſe few and weak, as from the profeſs'd Members of the Church of* England.

Country-m. This *Iriſh* Prieſt is very much given to Leaſing-making; he's the fineſt Fellow in *Europe*, at making of Lies and Breeches. This is as much like a Lie, as one Prieſt is like another. But I take this to be a greater Reflection on our Judges, than on King *William*.

For what have the Judges to do to aſk the King's Advice in Matter of Law? If they don't know the Law better than the King, they are not fit to be Judges. The Law is their Rule to walk by. If our Courts of Juſtice are Thumb-Watches to the Court, and muſt move by its Appointment, and not by the Spring of the Law; unhappy *Engliſh*-men! And aſking the King's Advice in a Thing of this Nature, is fairly putting the Queſtion, *Will your Majeſty be pleas'd to diſpence with the Laws of the Land?* But as I am fully perſwaded no ſuch Thing was ever done, ſo we have no Occaſion to make any farther Remarks on this Head.

King *William*, in ſaying, That he was not ſo apprehenſive of Diſturbance from the *Roman* Catholicks, as from the profeſs'd Members of the Church of *England*, was a very good Prophet, if ſpoken before the Aſſaſſination-Plot; and if afterwards, he ſpoke by Experience, from Matter of Fact, which is the moſt convincing Demonſtration that can be: For ſuch a Villanous Plot was form'd and deſign'd to be executed, if we may believe the Evidence in Court, confirm'd at the Gallows by the dying Words of the Criminals, who all confeſs'd the Fact; and theſe were *red-hot*, *flaming*, *flagrant* Churchmen, and would have been *pungent* too on the beſt Prince then living, had not infinite Goodneſs interpos'd. Prethee, *Leſley*, tell me, which are the *King-killers?* The Whigs and Diſſenters, or the Members of thy Church and Faction?

Obſ. I will tell thee a little more, *Roger*, of the *Rehearſer's* Sayings concerning King *William*, in *Suppliment* to 2d Part *New Aſſoc.* pag. 20. in theſe Words:

The third of September, *was the Day which* Oliver *obſerv'd as his lucky Day.* We know another too that obſerv'd his Day; *but they go to the* Devil for Days upon their own Account, *who always cheats 'em in the End; for on* Oliver's *own lucky Day, even the 3d of* September, *he dy'd in a Whirlwind. It was a lucky Day for the Nation, whatever it prov'd to him.*

Country-m. How ridiculous does inveterate Malice and Envy render Men! Don't all Princes, nay, moſt private Perſons, obſerve their Birth-days? But the Church, High-Church, the *Rehearſer's* factious Church, don't allow of ſuch Days; yet, forſooth, they can pioully obſerve the Birth-day of their *little Maſter* at *St. Germains*. They'll ſooner forget St. *Chriſtmas*, and forſake their beloved Minc'd Pyes, and Plumb Porridge, than forget that Day in which their other Hope came into the World, the Lord knows how, or from whence!

But this Mr. *Rehearſer* belies even the Devil himſelf, and tells you, That they, that is, King *William*, and all that are not for *Perkin*, have their Days from him. And 'ent this a fine Divine? And is not this pure High-Church Doctrine, to ſet the Devil in the Stead of God Almighty? Horrid Blaſphemy! to ſay, That the Devil aſcertains the appointed Time to Man upon Earth, and took off *Oliver* on his lucky Day, the 3d of *September* ---. But he dy'd in a Whirlwind ---. *Lilliburlero* --. *Oh! hoo a hoo!* --- Well, and what of all that, Gaffer *Leſley?* --- But did *Oliver* die in a Whirlwind? What a wicked Wretch 'twas! Who could have thought it? — But, Goodman *Leſley*, prethee tell me, whether the Wind blew at all at *Oliver's* Death? And what a Whirlwind is? --- Well, but *Oliver's* dying in a Whirlwind, was a certain Sign that he was a bluſtering Fellow, and in his Life-time had threſh'd the Jackets of High-Church, after a parlous manner ---. There was *Hercules* juſt ſuch another bluſtering Spark as *Oliver*; he dy'd in a Whirlwind too, and ſtrange Things it did; it remov'd Trees of twenty Load of Timber, from the Plains, to the Top of *Oeta*, that's full as far as from the Bottom of *Penmanmawr* in *Wales*, to the Top of the *Wicklow* Mountains in *Ireland*. What a lamentable Noiſe do theſe great Fellows make, living or dead! — But, in good Truth, Maſter, this *Rehearſer* is a windy Fellow.

And a wicked malicious Fellow too, in ranking King *William* with *Oliver*, who had no Title, but by the Sword, which is Uſurpation; when as King *William* had the beſt Title that ever King had, or can have.

Obſ. Theſe High-Church-men are very free in their Aſperſions of Crown'd Heads; they cannot forbear reflecting on the glorious *MARY*, the beſt of Queens, and the beſt of Women: As in *Wolf ſtript*, pag. 38.

QUEEN MARY *was of a ſoft and tender Nature.*

Country-m. That is as much as to ſay, ſhe was a *Fool.*

Obſ. Yes, *Roger*, for ſo he explains himſelf, pag. 40. where he ſays, ſhe was *a piouſly inclin'd, but not an over penetrating Princeſs.*

Country-m. Her Majeſty is much beholding to them for their good Opinion of her Royal Siſter. Come, Maſter, our Diſcourſe of the Principles and Practices of High-Church, may be of Uſe to the Publick, and ſo we'll reſolve to go on with it.

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